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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt of the papers filed on December 15, 2005, is acknowledged. In response to the office action of November 28, 2005, applicant elected group I, claims 1-17 without traverse.

Claims 1-17 are directed to the patentably distinct species identified below.

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: 1) a treatment system which comprises a reactive plasma system and 2) a treatment system which comprises a non-plasma reactive environment system. The species are independent or distinct because a reference teaching a plasma system would not necessarily be relevant to a non-plasma system.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1 and 13 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an


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allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William T. Leader whose telephone number is 571-272-1245. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays and alternate Fridays, 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King, can be reached on 571-272-1244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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